

News from the Home Field.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE Bishop of Nova Scotia reminds the Clergy that the Synod last year added to the regulations of the W. & O. Fund, that "Every Clergyman holding a Certificate shall, at least once a year, make a collection on behalf of this fund." He hopes that all the Clergy of his Diocese, whether holding Certificates or not, will scrupulously perform this duty, and he recommends either Whitsunday or Trinity Sunday for its performance. It is not creditable to us that there is any congregation doing nothing towards providing for the destitute Widows and Orphans of the Clergy:

HALIFAX.—The Bishop purposes holding Confirmation at St. George's, 11th inst., at 3 p.m.; his Chapel, 11th inst., at 7 p.m.; S. Mark's 18th inst., at 3 p.m.; Garrison Chapel, 19th inst., at 7 p.m.

NORTH SYDNEY.—On Wednesday morning, 31st January, the Rev. R. D. Bambrick was inducted into the Rectory of St. John the Baptist, North Sydney, and in the evening of the same day into the Rectory of Holy Trinity, Sydney Mines. The services were conducted by the Revs. D. Smith and S. Gibbons, and appropriate sermons preached by the former at North Sydney and the latter at Sydney Mines.

COW BAY.—This Mission is now vacant. A few weeks ago the ladies of Christ Church congregation, South Head, had a tea meeting, which realized about eighty-five dollars.

BADDECK.—The Rev. S. Gibbons, who has lately returned from England, intends to proceed with the erection of a church in this town in the spring, and hopes to have it ready for consecration on the occasion of the Bishop's visit in July or August next.

SYDNEY.—At a meeting of Parishioners, on Thursday, the 15th February, a committee was appointed to procure a plan, and take other steps towards the building of a new Rectory. The ladies are making preparations for a bazaar in aid of this object.

LOUISBURG.—Tea meeting and a sale of useful articles on the 1st and 2d February were largely attended, and after all expenses had been paid, the handsome sum of more than two hundred dollars remained toward the liquidation of the debt on the Church.

MATERIALS are on the ground at Mainadien for the work, which will be commenced in the spring, of adding a chancel, vestry, and tower to the Church, and the putting on of a new roof, and other changes. The result will really be a new Church. Mr. Draper, the Deacon in charge, is working faithfully and successfully in building up the Mission, and his congregation are supporting him, and showing by enlarged zeal and contributions that they appreciate his services among them.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

SUMMERSIDE.—The united parishes of St. Eleanor's and St. Mary's, Summerside, are at present without a clergyman, owing to the resignation of Mr. Richey, and the fact that the new Rector cannot come into residence until the first Sunday after Easter. The Services of the two Churches have been supplied for the last few Sundays by the kindness of the neighboring clergy. Under these circumstances the Church Wardens, and many of the principal parishioners, hearing that Father Osborne, S. S. J. E., who has recently conducted two Missions in Charlottetown was still in the Island, wrote and invited him to undertake a similar work on their behalf. Father Osborne was able to grant their request, and arranged for a series of Special Services from Feb. 20th to Feb. 27th, inclusive. A first Service was held in St. Eleanor's

on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 20th, and another Service on Sunday morning, the 25th, but all the other Services in St. Mary's Church, Summerside, as being the more convenient for the greater number of the people. The Services were exceedingly simple, and of the same genial character as those of the Mission of St. Peter's Church, Charlottetown, described in our columns two weeks since. Instructions on Prayer were given at mid-day to some 40 or 50 attentive listeners. The afternoon addresses were on "Partners for Life," "Husbands and Wives," "Parents," "Children," "Happy Homes." These were all well attended, the Church being quite full on the afternoon for "Husbands and Wives," and about 150 children gathering on Saturday, with many adults, to hear the address to children. The children also remained in again for another address on Sunday afternoon. At the night's Services, the Church, after the first night, was densely crowded, many going away also, and the marked interest taken by all was a cause of great thankfulness to those who had invited the Missioner. On Saturday night every seat in the Church (330) was filled with men only, and again on Sunday at 4 p.m., an almost equal number of men was present. The Missioner gave himself, on this occasion, more particularly to win the hearts of the young men, inviting them to stay after the general night's congregation had withdrawn. The numbers who stayed increased from thirty-five the first night to over one hundred on the last. They were briefly addressed on "Church-going," "Self Respect," and similar topics, and left each night with a hearty shake of the hand. On the last night 51 took a pledge of Total Abstinence for one year, 55 signed a paper, pledging themselves to attend Church at least once on every Lord's Day, and about an equal number stood up, and promised to abstain from and discourage the use of profane language. Forty-nine persons received the Holy Communion together at 8 a.m., on the last morning, some returning after years of neglect. Amongst the attendants at the Mission were large numbers from the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and other denominations around besides the regular Church people, and many, who being Church people, have for years given up Church-going altogether. This last was a most encouraging one, and gives hope for a brighter future for the Church in Summerside as well as for the individuals themselves. The Mission was a happy one for those who love the Church in their little town. It was indeed a joy to see their House of God so full with souls eagerly listening to the never old Gospel of the Love of God for the sons of men. Of the work of God in individual souls we cannot here speak, but many a one grasped the Missioner's hand with "I thank God you came." It is certain that the incoming Rector will find the way prepared for him, a hearty welcome awaiting for him, and the work of God lying ready to his hand.

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

RICHMOND.—The Rev. Fenwick W. Vroom, B. A., having been instituted to the Rectory of Richmond by the Bishop of the Diocese, was inducted to the benefice by the Church Wardens on Friday Feb. 16th, and read himself, in the usual manner, on the Sunday following.

DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

[From our own Correspondent.]

MISSION OF ARTHUR AND WEST SUTHER.—This Mission was lately rendered vacant by the much regretted decease of the Rev. J. Rixon. The Rev. A. J. Belt, B. A., son of Rev. Canon Belt, of Burlington is now resident as Missionary priest. Mr. Belt is a graduate of Trinity College, Toronto. The Mission of Arthur and West Luther comprises parts of five townships—West Luther, Garafiasca, Peel, Maryborough, and Arthur. Though extending into so many townships, yet the Mission is compact—circle having a radius of nine miles will enclose almost all the parishioners. The late Rev. J. Rixon was a very successful Missionary, and brought his Mission to a very satisfactory state. It is needless to say, of so earnest and hardworking a pastor, that he was greatly beloved. In the village

of Arthur, about 700 inhabitants, a substantial built Church has been erected, seating accommodation 200. In this building there is a debt of \$600, which it is confidently expected will be cancelled in the course of a year from date. The outstations at present are at a hamlet named Parker, where the Services were held about two years since by Rev. P. L. Spencer, now of Elora. There is no Church building, the Services being at present held fortnightly in a Methodist meeting house.

The missionary considers that there is a good prospect for the Church in this comparatively new field. The Methodists have refused the use of their building for a weekly service, so only fortnightly visits are now paid by Mr. Belt. He has hopes of commencing a new church at Parker next fall. The Roman Catholics have a very large parish church at Arthur. On alternate Sunday afternoons services are given at another out-station at West Luther. As most of the parishioners here are able to drive in to Arthur, should a church be erected at Parker, the West Luther station will be abandoned. There are 75 scholars on the roll of the Arthur Sunday School, with a staff of 7 teachers. Mr. Belt hopes that ere long his mission will become self-supporting, which may it please God to grant.

ST. CATHARINES.—St. Barnabas Church.—The Incumbent of this Church, Rev. Alex. Maehal, is making vigorous preparation for a parochial mission to be preached here during the first weeks of March by Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, of Stony Creek.

DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

[From our own correspondents.]

OTTAWA.—St. Alban's.—French Church Mission in Quebec.—On Sunday, 11th February, the Rev. J. J. Roy, of L'Eglise de la Redemption, in Montreal, delivered an address at evening service, at which he described the work of the Sabrevois Mission in the Province of Quebec. This mission has been in operation for several years and has been often advocated in this Province by the zealous French Canadian Missionaries and their brethren of the Church of England here. Two years ago M. Roy advocated the cause of Missions to the French in Quebec very eloquently in St. Alban's. On this occasion he spoke more plainly than before of their difficulties and needs. The society which M. Roy represents so ably has undertaken a work the importance of which it is impossible to estimate. It ramifies by means of clergy, mostly converts from Romanism, school teachers, who are also lay-readers, Bible-women and colporteurs, wherever in the French portion of the large Province of Quebec are found persons who are not Romanists, or who, having been bred up in that way, have been led from various causes to doubt the doctrines of Romanism; and while most of these are of French origin there are scattered amongst them by twos and threes families of British origin, who, through living exclusively amongst French Canadians, have entirely lost the use of the English language and understand only French. Many of these have lapsed into Romanism, but many more only need teachers well instructed in Catholic doctrine and who can speak French to remain faithful members of the Church of England. The oppressions, political and religious, which these people and their French brethren have suffered from the authorities of the privileged Church of Rome were graphically described by the speaker. He pointed out that the great object at the present time of the Mission of Sabrevois is to establish a French speaking branch of the Church of England in the Province of Quebec, and that in view of this they had built and enlarged a college for the education of his countrymen in the principles of the Church, specially, but not exclusively, in preparation for the Priesthood, and had successfully started day-schools in various parts of the Province, but that they had of late years taken a new and most important advance in their work. For a long time they had been laboring mostly in country places, the villages and small towns, but some six years ago M. Roy was invited by the late Metropolitan (Bishop Oxenden) to open a Mission for French Canadians in the city of Montreal, and